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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Meeting of ICIS to Consider a Central Government Facility for Evaluating Security Equipment and the Establishment of a Policy Board in this Field.

1. On 2 November 1955, a member of this office, at the invitation of ICIS, attended a meeting of ICIS to discuss a report by an ICIS Subcommittee to establish a policy board to develop Government-wide policy relating to the adequacy of security equipment and to provide a Central Government facility for testing and evaluating security equipment.

2. Commander Klain, Department of Defense, gave a brief history of the two previous agencies concerned with this general problem. One was the Physical Security Equipment Agency which was abolished about a year ago for reasons which Mr. Stohl of the Defense Department did not care to disclose. This group did much pioneer work in the field. The other Committee, still in existence, is the Federal Committee on Security Equipment. However, explained Commander Klain, this Committee is ineffective because its scope is limited, it is informally constituted and has no budget.

3. The security representative of CIA was asked for the CIA position which was given as:

a. Favoring the establishment of the Board and Facility.

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b. Having the facility located in the Bureau of Standards.

c. Limiting the scope of the Board to primarily physical security matters.

4. The ICIS accepted the Subcommittee report in principle but referred it to the IIC for approval. The ICIS Committee was also somewhat concerned about the budget for this Board and Facility. The State Department representative favored a full time Executive Director for the proposed Board.

5. The ICIS will direct a communication to CIA requesting a formal designation of an individual to be a member of the Policy Board. It is suggested that an individual of this office be designated as the CIA member.

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